Government Order No. R. 5945, dated 28th June 1923, during the Original Survey and Settlement and what is the percentage of increase in the resettlement over the original settlement?

(2) Whether they are aware that the enhancement of assessment is abnormally high in the resettlement said to have been introduced into the 69 villages having regard to the impoverished condition of the people?

(3) When the detailed proposals for the resettlement of the said 69 villages were received by Government from the Superintendent of Survey?

(4) What the reasons are for such large enhancement of assessment?

(5) Whether the Superintendent of Survey conducted a thorough enquiry into the condition of the agriculturists, their indebtedness, facilities for labour and the cost of cultivation?

(6) If so, what the approximate cost is (i) of cultivation for each acre of dry and wet land and (ii) the wages of the male and female labourers per day, as estimated by the Superintendent of Survey?

(7) Whether the detailed report of the Superintendent of Survey about the resettlement can be made available to the members of the Assembly and the general public?

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) Rate of increase during—

	1. Original Settlement.	2. Resettlement.
Dry	108 per cent.	30 per cent.
Wet	26 ,,	40 ,,
	(Exclusive of irrigation cess)	(Inclusive of irrigation cess)

If irrigation cess is excluded, the increase in the wet assessment at the resettlement will be only 32 or 33 per cent.

(2) Government do not agree in the suggestion that the enhancement of assessment at the resettlement was abnormally high. On the other hand, speaking generally, they consider it fair and moderate in view of the exceptional irrigational facilities of the tract provided at a high cost by Government, its easy access, central situation, its facilities of communication by rail and road, the high rise in the prices of agricultural produce, chiefly rice and sugar-cane and the general improvement in the economic condition of the people since the original settlement. If any landholder considers that the increase in the case of his holding is high, it is open to him to prefer an appeal in accordance with Notification No. 346, dated 21st August 1923, of the Superintendent of Revenue Survey which has been published in the *Mysore Gazette*, dated 23rd August 1923 as well as in the villages concerned.

(3) Preliminary proposals were received on 12th May 1923. Final proposals were received on 15th June 1923.

(4) The attention of the member is drawn to Government Order No. C. 5-9—L. S. 50-22-4, dated the 27th June 1923, sanctioning the resettlement in which full reasons have been given for the revised rates of assessment.

(5) Yes.

(6) The cost varies widely in different places, dependant as it is upon the nature of the soil, crops raised, the seasonal conditions, the industry of the cultivator, etc. The wages of a male labourer vary from annas 8 to one rupee and of a female from annas 6 to 7 per diem.

(6) A copy has already been sent to the member and another copy is placed on the table of the House.

MESSRS. S. C. MALLIAH AND M. C. LINGE GOWDA, MANDYA TALUK.—

Q.—13. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) What were the amounts contributed by the raiyats for the construction of school buildings and held in deposit during the past 5 years?

(2) What were the years in which the Government paid their full share of the contribution and what is the estimated cost of such of the buildings as have been completed?

(3) What is the number of school buildings constructed at the cost of the raiyats and how many such buildings have been handed over to Government and are in use?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) and (2). The compilation of a statement showing the year in which the corresponding Government grant was sanctioned for every work for which people have made contributions will involve enormous labour. A statement furnishing the available information is placed on the table. (See Appendix C.)

(3) The information has been called for and will be furnished to the members on receipt.

MR. G. GIRMAJI RAO, KOLAR TALUK.—

Q.—14. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether they will investigate the cause of the waste of water to three-fourths of the capacity of water in the tanks reserved for the water-supply of Kolar Town?

(2) How the wastage can be stopped?

(3) Whether they will help the municipality by meeting half the cost, if the scheme is a prohibitive one?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR IRRIGATION.—

A.—(1) to (3.) The wastage of water in the tanks supplying the Kolar Town has been investigated and is reported largely to be due to evaporation. For the present it is not possible to commit Government to any expenditure in excess of the estimate which has recently been sanctioned.

MR. S. HAMPAIYA, SIDLAGHATTA MUNICIPALITY.—

Q.—15. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether they have been aware of the considerable amount of difficulties experienced by passengers at present, for want of proper arrangements to provide accommodation in Railway trains between Bangalore and Mysore, during the Dasara and the Birthday Festivities? If so, what are the arrangements made for minimising such hardships?

(2) Whether they are aware of the fact that railway servants at Bangalore and Mysore give a good deal of trouble to passengers on such occasions?, and if so, what action has been taken to check the mal-treatment?

(3) Whether they can arrange to publish the timings of the special trains which may be run on such special occasions and to direct the Railway subordinate on duty to inform such timings, etc., politely to the multitudes of passengers?

(4) Whether they can arrange the reservation of a full carriage for the use of Representative Assembly members in each of the trains during the said special occasions?

RAILWAY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) No complaints have so far been brought to notice by the public. All necessary arrangements are being made every year and will be made during the ensuing season also to provide all possible comforts.

(2) No cases of mal-treatment were reported before. Responsible Traffic Officers including Traffic Manager would generally be present at train times on the platform and complaints can be made to them on the spot.

(3) The timings of extra trains to be run are announced on the platform in time. An enquiry office is opened at Mysore for any information with regard to movement of trains.

(4) At times of rush like Dasara, reserved accommodation cannot be guaranteed, but the Station Masters are instructed to comply with such requests made in time whenever it is possible.

MESSRS. C. KHADRAPPA AND K. RAMANNA, SIDLAGHATTA TALUK.—

Q.—16. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The capacity of each of the major and minor tanks in the taluks according to re-survey and settlement in the Siddlaghatta Taluk and the extent of increase in the atchkat under each tank?

(2) If the atchkat has increased under the tanks as compared with that at the time of the original survey, whether it will be possible for Government to bring all such excess of wet lands under dry cultivation?